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The Honorable George Bush
Director
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of April 12 following up on our discussion of April 8 concerning CIA involvement with clergymen and missionaries abroad.

I believe the ideas expressed in our discussion and stated as new CIA policy in your letter will resolve our differences and protect the special relationship missionaries have with the people they serve. I am pleased that you have seen fit to prohibit CIA initiation of contact with American missionaries abroad, as is presently the case with Peace Corps volunteers and Fulbright scholars, and have also agreed to extend this policy to Americans performing similar work for organizations technically not controlled by denominational or interdenominational church bodies, but whose ultimate sponsorship comes from religious organizations.

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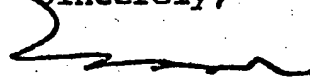
As I mentioned in our discussion, I will be happy to withdraw my legislation in view of this agreement. If you wish to make a public statement on this new policy, I will withhold any statement on my part until you have done so. If you do not wish to make an announcement, please let me know so that I can proceed to inform my colleagues of the new policy.

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Again, George, thank you for your cooperation in reaching this agreement.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,



Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senator

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